THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

FDI in civil aviation sector

139. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow 100 percent FDI for seaplanes, helicopters and also for setting up of maintenance and overhaul facilities for charter and other non-scheduled operations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to increase FDI for commercial airlines also and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) in what manner Government propose to safeguard the interest of domestic airlines which are already in the red?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government.

(c) No, Sir. No increase in FDI is proposed in domestic scheduled passenger airline.

(d) No direct or indirect investment by foreign airlines is allowed in domestic scheduled airlines.

Second airport at Delhi

140. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have commissioned a study to plan ahead for a second airport at or near Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of this study;

(c) whether it is a fact that a lead-time of 10 years is needed to plan and build a modern airport; and

(d) if so, the views of Government on long-term planning for new airports in major cities in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Policy on Airport Infrastructure 1997 provides for promotion of new airports.

Cess on air travel

141. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to enhance the FDI Cap in different areas of the aviation sector, including participation of foreign airlines in the air cargo sector, with a view to expanding air connectivity across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also considering to impose cess on air travel to fund development of non-viable airports and air routes in addition to the existing Passenger Service Fee; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) The matter is under consideration of the Government.